

Procedure for Managing Covid-19 Cases in Educational Settings in Solihull – *interim position until 1/4/22 (updated 04/03/2022)*

In line with the government’s [Living with COVID-19 Plan](#), updated [Contingency Framework](#) and [operational guidance for education settings](#), this guidance is an interim position until COVID-19 testing is halted for the general public on 1st April

FROM **11/3/22**, please see the education advice on the SMBC website at www.solihull.gov.uk/COVID-19

The following procedure should be followed in the event of cases within the school/setting:

START HERE: **Pupil/staff member becomes symptomatic with Covid-19 symptoms**

Actions for the individual: They are advised to access a PCR test, stay at home and avoid contact with other people (see [full guidance](#)).

Actions for the setting: If anyone develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#) whilst at the school/setting, however mild, they are advised to go home avoiding using public transport, wherever possible, (with pupils collected by a member of their family or household) and access a PCR test. *See appendix A*

or START HERE: **Pupil/staff member is asymptomatic & receives a positive Covid-19 test result**

Actions for the individual: They are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days (see guidance [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts](#)).

Actions for the setting: Cases can be recorded on an internal Covid-19 log. See the SMBC website for details of updated outbreak advice **from 11/3/22** at www.solihull.gov.uk/COVID-19

Stay at Home:

Actions for the individual:

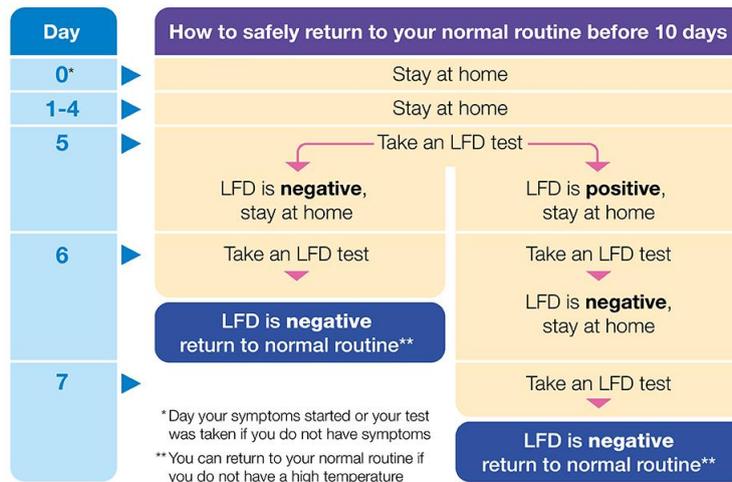
Those who have COVID-19 can infect other people from 2 days before symptoms start, and for up to 10 days after. They can pass on the infection to others, even if they have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. If an individual has COVID-19 they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

They should:

- Not attend work & work from home where possible. Discussions should take place with employees unable to work from home. They may be eligible for [Statutory Sick Pay](#).
- Ask friends, family, neighbours or [volunteers](#) to get food and other essentials
- Not invite social visitors home, including friends and family and postpone all non-essential services and repairs that require a home visit.
- cancel routine medical and dental appointments
- if possible, inform people who they’ve been close contact with know about their positive test result so that they can follow national guidance ([COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts](#)).

Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. Individuals may choose to take an LFD test from 5 days after symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if not symptomatic) followed by another LFD test the next day. If both these test results are negative, and the individual does not have a high temperature, the risk that they are still infectious is much lower and they can safely return to normal routine. *See infographic below.*

Returning to normal routine:



If the day 5 LFD test result is positive, individuals can continue taking LFD tests until 2 consecutive negative test results are received. There is **no legal requirement to isolate or test** and **pupils /staff with respiratory symptoms should only return to school/setting if they are 48 hours fever-free and feeling well as a minimum.**

Household/overnight contacts:

People who live in the same household as someone [infectious with COVID-19](#) (or have stayed overnight with them) are at the highest risk of becoming infected because they are most likely to have prolonged close contact. These contacts should –

- minimise contact with the person who has COVID-19
- work from home if able to do so
- avoid contact with anyone who is at [higher risk of becoming severely unwell](#), especially those with a [severely weakened immune system](#)
- limit close contact with other people outside their household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces
- wear a well-fitting [face covering](#) made with multiple layers or a surgical face mask in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces and where in close contact with other people
- pay close attention to the [main symptoms of COVID-19](#). If any of these symptoms are developed, [order a PCR test](#). They are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people whilst waiting their test result

Follow this advice for 10 days after the day the person you live or stayed with symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms).

Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend the setting as normal.



Non household contacts:

If you are a contact of someone with COVID-19 but do not live with them or did not stay in their household overnight, you are at lower risk of becoming infected. Carefully follow the guidance on [Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#).

Positive cases within the setting:

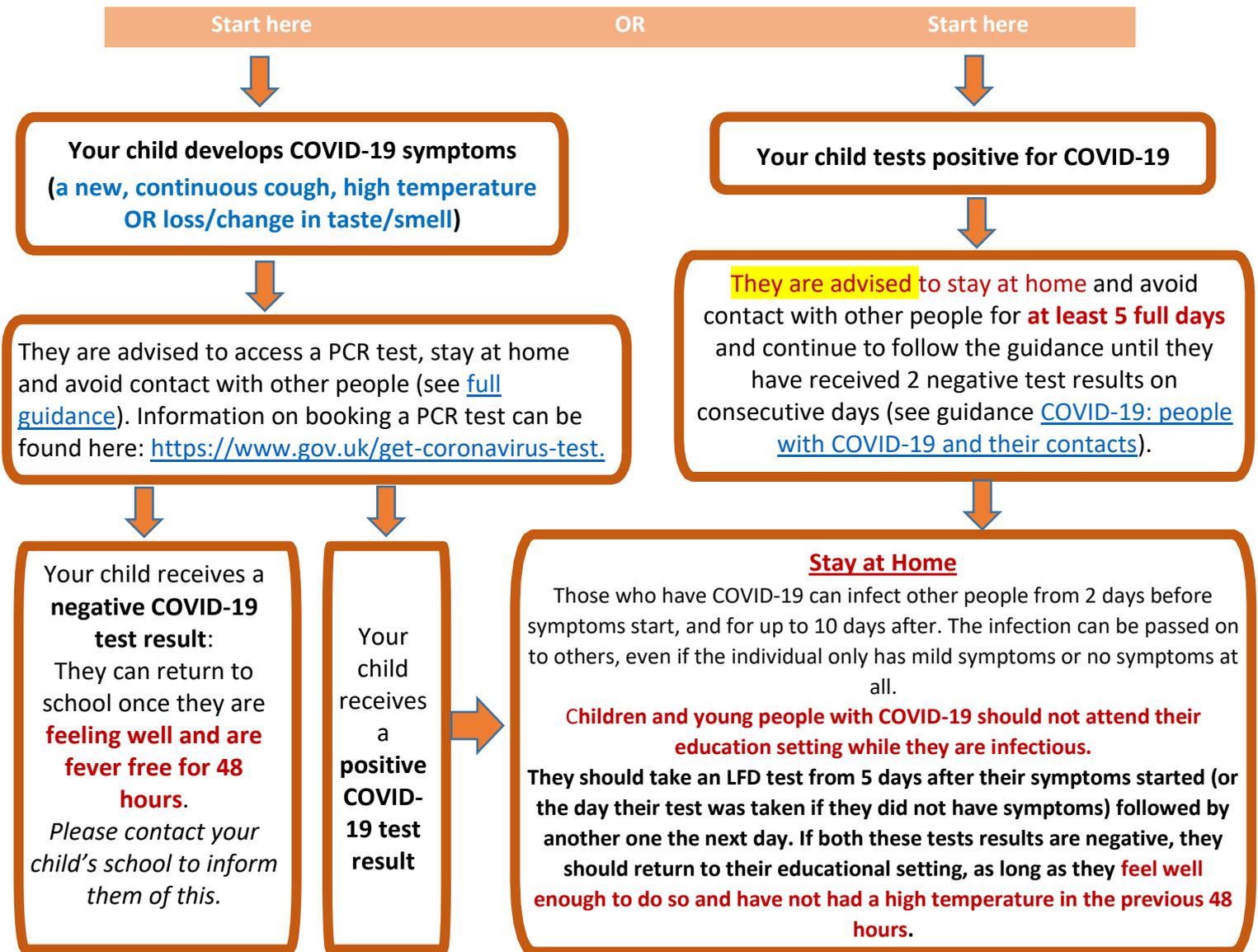
Mainstream schools/settings no longer need to report Covid-19 cases to Solihull Council. For large/complex outbreaks and guidance for [special schools/alternative provision](#) visit www.solihull.gov.uk/COVID-19 from 11/3/22 or email contacttracing@solihull.gov.uk

Appendix D: Covid-19 Guide for Parents and Carers

Covid-19 Guide for Parents and Carers

As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, we need to minimise the disruption to children and young people’s education - particularly given that the direct risks to children are very low and every adult has been offered the vaccine.

This document provides information for parents and carers up to 1st April whilst COVID-19 testing is available to the general public and covers what to do if your child has COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive for the virus.



For further information, please access the information sites below -

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges](#)

NHS Advice on COVID-19 can be found here -

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/